UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Interpleader Plaintiff,

ANSWER OF INTERPLEADER DEFENDANT CHRISTINA STEFANOPOULOS WITH CROSS-CLAIM

- against -

Index No. 7:23-cv-07905-PMH

ALYSHA TRIANTAFILLOU, ALYSHA TRIANTAFILLOU AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF IOANNIS TRIANTAFILLOU, TAMMY THANOS, CHRISTINA STEFANOPOULOS,

Interpleader Defendants.
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The answering Interpleader Defendant, CHRISTINA STEFANOPOULOS (hereinafter the "Answering Defendant"), by and through her attorneys, Reisman Rubeo, LLP, as and for her Answer with Cross Claims to the Complaint by the Interpleader Plaintiff, sets forth as follows:

1. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Complaint.

2. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

3. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

4. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 4 of the Complaint.

5. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.

6. The Answering Defendant admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 6 of the Complaint.

7. The Answering Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Complaint and refers all questions of law to the Court.

8. The Answering Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of the Complaint and refers all questions of law to the Court.

9. The Answering Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Complaint and refers all questions of law to the Court.

10. The Answering Defendant denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Complaint and refers all questions of law to the Court.

11. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

12. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 12 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit B, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

13. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 13 of the Complaint, and with respect to the

document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

14. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit C, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

15. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit D, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

16. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 16 of the Complaint, except admits that Nikolaos J. Rentoulis ("Nikolaos") was the cousin of Ioannis Triantafillou (the "Insured"), and that Dina Rentoulis ("Dina") was Nikolaos's wife, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit E, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

17. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Complaint, except admits that she is the daughter of Nikolaos and Dina, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit E, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

18. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 18 of the Complaint, and with respect to the

document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit E, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

19. The Answering Defendant admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 19 of the Complaint that Nikolaos and Dina are deceased and their dates of death are as listed in the Complaint, denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the remainder of the allegations set forth in paragraph 19 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit F, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

20. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 20 of the Complaint, and with respect to the documents attached to the Complaint as Exhibits F and G, refers to the documents for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

21. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 21 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit H, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

22. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 22 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit F, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

23. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 23 of the Complaint, and with respect to the

document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit F, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

24. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 24 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit I, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

25. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 25 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit J, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

26. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 26 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit K, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

27. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 27 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit L, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

28. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 28 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit M, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

29. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 29 of the Complaint, and with respect to the documents attached to the Complaint as Exhibits N and O, refers to those documents for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

30. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 30 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit P, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

31. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.

32. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 32 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit Q, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

33. The Answering Defendant admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 33 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit R, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

34. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 34 of the Complaint, and with respect to the document attached to the Complaint as Exhibit S, refers to the document for the terms, provisions and conditions thereof.

35. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 35 of the Complaint.

36. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 36 of the Complaint.

37. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 37 of the Complaint.

38. In response to paragraph 38 of the Complaint, the Answering Defendant repeats and realleges as if fully set forth herein paragraphs 1 through 37 of this Answer.

39. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 39 of the Complaint.

40. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 40 of the Complaint, and refers all questions of law to the Court.

41. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

42. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 42 of the Complaint, and refers all questions of law to the Court.

43. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 43 of the Complaint, and refers all questions of law to the Court.

44. The Answering Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations set forth in paragraph 44 of the Complaint and refers all questions of law to the Court.

AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST INTERPLEADER DEFENDANTS, ALYSHA TRIANTAFILLOU, ALYSHA TRIANTAFILLOU AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF IOANNIS TRIANTAFILLOU, THE ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES:

45. The Answering Defendant repeats and realleges and realleges as if fully set forth herein paragraphs 1 through 44 of this Answer.

46. The Answering Defendant hereby seeks a declaration from this Court that she is a rightful beneficiary of the life insurance proceeds of the Insured and that this Court direct that fifty (50%) percent of the proceeds of the death benefit of the Insured's policy, plus accrued interest, be paid to her.

WHEREFORE, the Answering Defendant demands judgment declaring that she is a rightful beneficiary of the life insurance proceeds of the Insured and that fifty (50%) percent of the proceeds of the death benefit of the Insured's policy, plus accrued interest, be paid to her.

Dated: Hawthorne, New York
November 6, 2023

Yours, etc.,

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